CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method in a data processing system to identify a
- 2 Web service in a registry using a registry lookup naming
- 3 and directory provider, the method comprising steps of:
- 4 detecting a request from a service requester to
- 5 identify the Web service in the registry;
- 6 responsive to detecting the request, determining if
- 7 a first element is present in a registry file;
- 8 responsive to determining the first element is
- 9 present in the registry file, locating a second element
- 10 in the registry file based on the first element in the
- 11 registry file; and
- 12 locating an endpoint location of the Web service
- 13 based on the second element in the registry file.
 - 1 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - 2 in response to determining the first element is
 - 3 absent from the registry file, deferring identification
 - 4 of the Web service to a standard naming and directory
 - 5 provider, wherein deferring identification of the Web
 - 6 service includes passing the request to the standard
 - 7 naming and directory provider.
 - 1 3. The method of claim 2, wherein identification of the
 - 2 Web service by the standard naming and directory provider
 - 3 further comprising:
 - 4 locating an additional configuration file;

- 5 determining if a service name element is present in
- 6 the additional configuration file; and
- 7 responsive to determining the service name element
- 8 exists is present in the additional configuration file,
- 9 locating an endpoint location of the Web service based on
- 10 an address element of the additional configuration file.
 - 1 4. The method of claim 3, further comprising:
 - 2 retrieving an instance of the Web service based on
 - 3 the endpoint location; and
 - 4 returning the instance of the Web service to the
 - 5 service requester.
 - 1 5. The method of claim 3, wherein the additional
 - 2 configuration file includes a web service directory
 - 3 language file.
 - 1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the request includes
 - 2 a Java naming and directory interface request.
 - 1 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the request includes
 - 2 a parameter representing a name of the Web service.
 - 1 8. The method of claim 7, wherein determining if a
 - 2 first element is present in the registry file includes
 - 3 determining if the name of the Web service maps to the
- 4 first element.
- 1 9. The method of claim 1, wherein the first element
- 2 includes a service-ref-name element.

- 1 10. The method of claim 1, wherein the registry file
- 2 includes one of a UDDI registry file, an electronic
- 3 business using extensible markup language registry file,
- 4 a, a web service inspection language registry file, and a
- 5 custom registry file implemented using a database.
- 1 11. The method of claim 1, wherein the endpoint location
- 2 of the Web service includes a universal resource locator.
- 1 12. The method of claim 1, wherein instance of the Web
- 2 service includes a stub of implementation of the Web
- 3 service.
- 1 13. The method of claim 3, wherein locating an
- 2 additional configuration file includes locating a wsdl-
- 3 file element in a webservicesclient.xml file.
- 1 14. The method of claim 3, wherein determining if a
- 2 service name element is present in the additional
- 3 configuration file includes determining if a name of the
- 4 Web service from the request maps to the service name
- 5 element.
- 1 15. The method of claim 3, wherein identification of the
- 2 Web service by the standard naming and directory service,
- 3 further comprising:
- 4 responsive to determining the service name element
- 5 is absent from the additional configuration file,
- 6 returning an error to the service requester.

- 1 16. The method of claim 1, wherein locating an endpoint
- 2 location of the Web service based on the second element
- 3 in the registry file includes determining if a lookup
- 4 policy element exists in the registry file, wherein the
- 5 lookup policy element includes a selection policy
- 6 element.
- 1 17. The method of claim 16, wherein the registry lookup
- 2 naming and directory provider selects a single endpoint
- 3 location from a plurality of endpoint locations based on
- 4 a selection policy in the selection policy element.
- 1 18. A data processing system for identifying a Web
- 2 Service in a registry using a registry lookup naming and
- 3 directory provider, the data processing system
- 4 comprising:
- detecting means for detecting a request from a
- 6 service requester to identify the Web service in the
- 7 registry;
- 8 responsive to detecting the request, determining
- 9 means for determining if a first element is present in a
- 10 registry file;
- 11 responsive to determining the first element is
- 12 present in the registry file, locating means for locating
- 13 a second element in the registry file based on the first
- 14 element in the registry file; and
- locating means for locating an endpoint location of
- 16 the Web service based on the second element in the
- 17 registry file.

- 1 19. The data processing system of claim 18, further
- 2 comprising:
- in response to determining the first element is
- 4 absent from the registry file, deferring means for
- 5 deferring identification of the Web service to a standard
- 6 naming and directory provider, wherein deferring
- 7 identification of the Web service includes passing means
- 8 for passing the request to the standard naming and
- 9 directory provider.
- 1 20. The data processing system of claim 19, wherein
- 2 identification of the Web service by the standard naming
- 3 and directory provider further comprising:
- 4 locating means for locating an additional
- 5 configuration file;
- 6 determining means for determining if a service name
- 7 element is present in the additional configuration file;
- 8 and
- 9 responsive to determining the service name element
- 10 exists is present in the additional configuration file,
- 11 locating means for locating an endpoint location of the
- 12 Web service based on an address element of the additional
- 13 configuration file.
 - 1 21. The data processing system of claim 20, further
 - 2 comprising:
 - 3 retrieving means for retrieving an instance of the
 - 4 Web service based on the endpoint location; and
 - 5 returning means for returning the instance of the
 - 6 Web service to the service requester.

- 1 22. A computer program product in a computer
- 2 readable medium for identifying a Web service in a
- 3 registry using a registry lookup naming and directory
- 4 provider, the data processing system comprising:
- 5 first instructions for detecting a request from a
- 6 service requester to identify the Web service in the
- 7 registry;
- 8 responsive to detecting the request, second
- 9 instructions for determining if a first element is
- 10 present in a registry file;
- 11 responsive to determining the first element is
- 12 present in the registry file, third instructions for
- 13 locating a second element in the registry file based on
- 14 the first element in the registry file; and
- fourth instructions for locating an endpoint
- 16 location of the Web service based on the second element
- 17 in the registry file.
 - 1 23. The computer program product of claim 22, further
 - 2 comprising:
 - 3 in response to determining the first element is
 - 4 absent from the registry file, fifth instructions for
 - 5 deferring identification of the Web service to a standard
 - 6 naming and directory provider, wherein deferring
 - 7 identification of the Web service includes sixth
 - 8 instructions for passing the request to the standard
 - 9 naming and directory provider.

- 1 24. The computer program product of claim 23, wherein
- 2 identification of the Web service by the standard naming
- 3 and directory provider further comprising:
- 4 seventh instructions for locating an additional
- 5 configuration file;
- 6 eighth instructions for determining if a service
- 7 name element is present in the additional configuration
- 8 file; and
- 9 responsive to determining the service name element
- 10 exists is present in the additional configuration file,
- 11 ninth instructions for locating an endpoint location of
- 12 the Web service based on an address element of the
- 13 additional configuration file.
 - 1 25. The computer program product of claim 24, further
- 2 comprising:
- 3 tenth instructions for retrieving an instance of the
- 4 Web service based on the endpoint location; and
- 5 eleventh for returning the instance of the Web
- 6 service to the service requester.